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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947-50, for the month of September, 1950. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. There is a "waiting period" of seven days in respect of which unemployment or sickness benefit is not payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits. The number of new Australians receiving special benefit has now been excluded from the tables in this bulletin; the amount of such benefits paid, however, is included in Table I.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 3, 5 (pars. ii, iii, and iv) and 6 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. ALL BENEFITS - SUMMARY.

(i) Benefits Paid: Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in September, 1950 and the three months ended September, 1950, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING SEPTEMBER, 1950 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950 - STATES.
(£.)

| State | September, 1950 | | | | Three Months ended September, 1950. | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|----------|----------------|--------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special (a) | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special (a) | Total |
| N.S.W. (b) | 2,530 | 28,287 | 5,144 | 35,961 | 6,796 | 79,296 | 15,997 | 102,089 |
| Victoria | 451 | 20,346 | 7,104 | 27,901 | 1,579 | 55,536 | 32,631 | 89,746 |
| Queensland | 1,152 | 7,030 | 737 | 8,919 | 4,186 | 24,425 | 2,348 | 30,959 |
| S. Aust.(c) | cr 20 | 5,905 | 405 | 6,290 | 195 | 18,241 | 1,259 | 19,695 |
| W. Aust. | 470 | 3,943 | 7,324 | 11,737 | 1,840 | 14,044 | 23,541 | 39,425 |
| Tasmania | 130 | 2,537 | 349 | 3,016 | 471 | 7,981 | 970 | 9,422 |
| TOTAL : | 4,713 | 68,048 | 21,063 | 93,824 | 15,067 | 199,523 | 76,746 | 291,336 |

(a) Includes amounts paid to new Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Claims Admitted and Benefits Discontinued: The following table shows, for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the three months ended September, 1950.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950 - STATES.

| State | Claims Admitted - Three months ended September, 1950 | | | | Benefits Discontinued - Three months ended September, 1950 | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| N.S.W. (a) | 1,730 | 7,075 | 353 | 9,158 | 1,700 | 6,730 | 304 | 8,734 |
| Victoria | 139 | 4,142 | 270 | 4,551 | 129 | 2,878 | 169 | 3,176 |
| Queensland | 751 | 2,359 | 102 | 3,212 | 943 | 2,427 | 112 | 3,482 |
| S. Aust.(b) | 10 | 1,688 | 73 | 1,771 | 14 | 1,767 | 65 | 1,846 |
| W. Aust. | 248 | 1,437 | 36 | 1,721 | 221 | 1,365 | 59 | 1,645 |
| Tasmania | 41 | 707 | 36 | 784 | 39 | 747 | 28 | 814 |
| TOTAL : | 2,919 | 17,408 | 870 | 21,197 | 3,046 | 15,914 | 737 | 19,697 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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(iii) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit: The following table shows, for the years 1946-47 to 1949-50 and for the months September, 1949 to September, 1950 the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit: -

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

| Period | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| <u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1946-47 | 73,379 | 5,199 | 45,024 | 11,002 | 1,271 | 335 | 119,674 | 16,536 | 136,210 |
| 1947-48 | 27,275 | 1,387 | 53,947 | 15,539 | 1,527 | 650 | 82,749 | 17,576 | 100,325 |
| 1948-49 | 11,459 | 667 | 53,662 | 15,202 | 1,631 | 785 | 66,752 | 16,654 | 83,406 |
| 1949-50 | 130,248 | 30,853 | 49,006 | 14,836 | 3,529 | 1,131 | 182,783 | 46,820 | 229,603 |
| 1949 Sept. | 651 | 92 | 4,185 | 1,287 | 159 | 73 | 4,995 | 1,452 | 6,447 |
| Oct. | 525 | 105 | 5,189 | 1,726 | 198 | 85 | 5,912 | 1,916 | 7,828 |
| Nov. | 420 | 64 | 3,832 | 1,214 | 121 | 82 | 4,373 | 1,360 | 5,733 |
| Dec. | 611 | 75 | 3,328 | 974 | 114 | 47 | 4,053 | 1,096 | 5,149 |
| 1950 Jan. | 1,556 | 67 | 4,369 | 1,278 | 189 | 83 | 6,114 | 1,428 | 7,542 |
| Feb. | 1,006 | 67 | 3,808 | 1,156 | 142 | 79 | 4,956 | 1,302 | 6,258 |
| March | 877 | 81 | 3,850 | 1,204 | 140 | 80 | 4,867 | 1,365 | 6,232 |
| April | 776 | 103 | 4,361 | 1,287 | 145 | 78 | 5,282 | 1,468 | 6,750 |
| May | 467 | 93 | 3,609 | 1,079 | 134 | 54 | 4,210 | 1,226 | 5,436 |
| June | 407 | 96 | 3,078 | 898 | 130 | 29 | 3,615 | 1,023 | 4,638 |
| July(a) | 1,448 | 256 | 6,243 | 1,917 | 288 | 156 | 7,979 | 2,329 | 10,308 |
| Aug.(a) | 658 | 87 | 3,693 | 1,086 | 178 | 73 | 4,529 | 1,246 | 5,775 |
| Sept.(a) | 379 | 91 | 3,487 | 982 | 141 | 34 | 4,007 | 1,107 | 5,114 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| <u>DISCONTINUANCES</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1946-47 | 73,974 | 5,269 | 43,388 | 10,075 | 1,136 | 210 | 118,498 | 15,554 | 134,052 |
| 1947-48 | 31,538 | 1,494 | 53,785 | 15,244 | 1,503 | 497 | 86,826 | 17,235 | 104,061 |
| 1948-49 | 12,143 | 670 | 51,933 | 14,871 | 1,531 | 614 | 65,607 | 16,155 | 81,762 |
| 1949-50 | 130,284 | 30,742 | 48,419 | 14,482 | 3,422 | 1,013 | 182,125 | 46,237 | 228,362 |
| 1949 Sept. | 3,918 | 629 | 3,946 | 1,120 | 216 | 69 | 8,080 | 1,818 | 9,898 |
| Oct. | 835 | 160 | 4,885 | 1,473 | 192 | 52 | 5,912 | 1,685 | 7,597 |
| Nov. | 448 | 75 | 3,754 | 1,220 | 134 | 51 | 4,336 | 1,346 | 5,682 |
| Dec. | 352 | 72 | 3,287 | 990 | 127 | 56 | 3,766 | 1,118 | 4,884 |
| 1950 Jan. | 1,221 | 100 | 4,410 | 1,335 | 149 | 95 | 5,780 | 1,530 | 7,310 |
| Feb. | 809 | 55 | 3,708 | 1,050 | 138 | 62 | 4,655 | 1,167 | 5,822 |
| March | 799 | 61 | 4,060 | 1,284 | 153 | 84 | 5,012 | 1,429 | 6,441 |
| April | 992 | 96 | 4,381 | 1,294 | 153 | 75 | 5,526 | 1,465 | 6,991 |
| May | 1,076 | 97 | 3,425 | 1,035 | 127 | 57 | 4,628 | 1,189 | 5,817 |
| June | 494 | 72 | 3,117 | 966 | 129 | 49 | 3,740 | 1,087 | 4,827 |
| July(a) | 1,387 | 206 | 5,341 | 1,692 | 229 | 97 | 6,957 | 1,995 | 8,952 |
| Aug.(a) | 745 | 135 | 3,413 | 1,026 | 144 | 61 | 4,302 | 1,222 | 5,524 |
| Sept.(a) | 476 | 97 | 3,491 | 951 | 148 | 58 | 4,115 | 1,106 | 5,221 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|--------|-------|-----|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| <u>PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-June | 5,981 | 227 | 7,264 | 2,219 | 191 | 265 | 13,436 | 2,711 | 16,147 |
| 1948-June | 1,718 | 120 | 7,426 | 2,514 | 215 | 418 | 9,359 | 3,052 | 12,411 |
| 1949-June | 1,034 | 117 | 9,155 | 2,845 | 315 | 589 | 10,504 | 3,551 | 14,055 |
| 1949-Sept. | 1,379 | 265 | 9,345 | 3,030 | 411 | 671 | 11,135 | 3,966 | 15,101 |
| Oct. | 1,069 | 210 | 9,649 | 3,283 | 417 | 704 | 11,135 | 4,197 | 15,332 |
| Nov. | 1,041 | 199 | 9,727 | 3,277 | 404 | 735 | 11,172 | 4,211 | 15,383 |
| Dec. | 1,300 | 202 | 9,768 | 3,261 | 391 | 726 | 11,459 | 4,189 | 15,648 |
| 1950-Jan. | 1,635 | 169 | 9,727 | 3,204 | 431 | 714 | 11,793 | 4,087 | 15,880 |
| Feb. | 1,832 | 181 | 9,827 | 3,310 | 435 | 731 | 12,094 | 4,222 | 16,316 |
| March | 1,910 | 201 | 9,617 | 3,230 | 422 | 727 | 11,949 | 4,158 | 16,107 |
| April | 1,694 | 208 | 9,597 | 3,223 | 414 | 730 | 11,705 | 4,161 | 15,866 |
| May | 1,085 | 204 | 9,781 | 3,267 | 421 | 727 | 11,287 | 4,198 | 15,485 |
| June | 998 | 228 | 9,742 | 3,199 | 422 | 707 | 11,162 | 4,134 | 15,296 |
| July(a) | 1,059 | 278 | 10,644 | 3,424 | 481 | 766 | 12,184 | 4,468 | 16,652 |
| Aug.(a) | 972 | 230 | 10,924 | 3,484 | 515 | 778 | 12,411 | 4,492 | 16,903 |
| Sept.(a) | 875 | 224 | 10,920 | 3,515 | 508 | 754 | 12,303 | 4,493 | 16,796 |

(a) Subject to revision.

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during September, 1950, and the three months ended September, 1950, is shown in the following table: -

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1950 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

| Duration of Benefits | Persons | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| | September, 1950 | | | | Three months ended September, 1950 | | | |
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| <u>Weeks</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 175 | 334 | 9 | 518 | 752 | 921 | 31 | 1,704 |
| 1 and under 2 | 138 | 735 | 27 | 900 | 793 | 2,044 | 72 | 2,909 |
| 2 " " 3 | 94 | 702 | 23 | 819 | 412 | 2,017 | 64 | 2,493 |
| 3 " " 4 | 74 | 629 | 31 | 734 | 218 | 1,817 | 65 | 2,100 |
| 4 " " 5 | 48 | 476 | 25 | 549 | 167 | 1,371 | 62 | 1,600 |
| 5 " " 9 | 96 | 1,201 | 58 | 1,355 | 357 | 3,409 | 173 | 3,939 |
| 9 " " 13 | 36 | 639 | 34 | 709 | 114 | 1,775 | 77 | 1,966 |
| 13 " " 27 | 41 | 548 | 33 | 622 | 177 | 1,751 | 111 | 2,039 |
| 27 and over | 22 | 263 | 26 | 311 | 56 | 809 | 82 | 947 |
| <u>TOTAL:</u> | 724 | 5,527 | 266 | 6,517 | 3,046 | 15,914 | 737 | 19,697 |

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during September, 1950 and the three months ended September, 1950 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit: -

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1950 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.
(Per Cent)

| Duration of Benefits | September, 1950 | | | | Three months ended September, 1950. | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| <u>Weeks</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 27 and over | 3.04 | 4.76 | 9.77 | 4.77 | 1.84 | 5.08 | 11.13 | 4.81 |
| 13 " " | 8.70 | 14.67 | 22.18 | 14.32 | 7.65 | 16.09 | 26.19 | 15.16 |
| 9 " " | 13.67 | 26.23 | 34.96 | 25.20 | 11.39 | 27.24 | 36.64 | 25.14 |
| 5 " " | 26.93 | 47.96 | 56.77 | 45.99 | 23.11 | 48.66 | 60.11 | 45.14 |
| 4 " " | 33.56 | 56.58 | 66.17 | 54.41 | 28.59 | 57.28 | 68.52 | 53.26 |
| 3 " " | 43.78 | 67.96 | 77.82 | 65.67 | 35.75 | 68.69 | 77.34 | 63.92 |
| 2 " " | 56.77 | 80.66 | 86.47 | 78.24 | 49.28 | 81.37 | 86.02 | 76.58 |
| 1 " " | 75.83 | 93.96 | 96.62 | 92.05 | 75.31 | 94.21 | 95.79 | 91.35 |
| Less than 1 | 24.17 | 6.04 | 3.38 | 7.95 | 24.69 | 5.79 | 4.21 | 8.65 |

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during September, 1950, and the three months ended September, 1950 are shown below: -

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION - BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1950 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

| Reason for Cessation | September, 1950 | | | | Three Months ended Sept. 1950 | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Unemployment | | Sickness | |
| | Persons | % | Persons | % | Persons | % | Persons | % |
| Employment secured or resumed | 466 | 64.36 | 3,466 | 62.71 | 2,110 | 69.27 | 9,932 | 62.41 |
| Incapacity terminated | 15 | 2.07 | 1,572 | 28.44 | 58 | 1.90 | 4,655 | 29.25 |
| Failure to report (a) | 174 | 24.03 | 42 | 0.76 | 691 | 22.69 | 105 | 0.66 |
| Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act | 18 | 2.49 | 25 | 0.45 | 79 | 2.59 | 84 | 0.53 |
| Statutory Age Limit (b) | 1 | 0.14 | 19 | 0.34 | 3 | 0.10 | 31 | 0.20 |
| Permanent incapacity (c) | 7 | 0.97 | 147 | 2.66 | 17 | 0.56 | 471 | 2.96 |
| Death | 1 | 0.14 | 92 | 1.67 | 1 | 0.03 | 242 | 1.52 |
| Transfer to another district | 12 | 1.66 | 53 | 0.96 | 30 | 0.99 | 145 | 0.91 |
| Other | 30 | 4.14 | 111 | 2.01 | 57 | 1.87 | 249 | 1.56 |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 724 | 100.00 | 5,527 | 100.00 | 3,046 | 100.00 | 15,914 | 100.00 |

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension.
(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

4. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The Proportion of persons on benefit at 30th September, 1950 to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 61 per 10,000 comprising 4 unemployment, 52 sickness and 5 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females: -

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950,
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

| Sex | Proportion | Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment | | | |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| | | Unemployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| Males | Per 10,000 males | 4 | 54 | 3 | 61 |
| Females | Per 10,000 females | 3 | 47 | 10 | 60 |
| Persons | Per 10,000 persons | 4 | 52 | 5 | 61 |

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 30th September, 1950.

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950 : STATES.

| State | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| N.S.W. (a) | 290 | 75 | 4,062 | 1,312 | 193 | 231 | 4,545 | 1,618 | 6,163 |
| Victoria | 122 | 39 | 3,680 | 1,329 | 177 | 266 | 3,979 | 1,634 | 5,613 |
| Queensland | 302 | 74 | 1,283 | 364 | 61 | 110 | 1,646 | 548 | 2,194 |
| S. Aust.(b) | 23 | 5 | 790 | 249 | 35 | 39 | 848 | 293 | 1,141 |
| W. Australia | 109 | 26 | 758 | 193 | 22 | 43 | 889 | 262 | 1,151 |
| Tasmania | 29 | 5 | 347 | 68 | 20 | 65 | 396 | 138 | 534 |
| Total 30th September, 1950 | 875 | 224 | 10,920 | 3,515 | 508 | 754 | 12,303 | 4,493 | 16,796 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 30th September, 1950 according to age groups is shown in the following table: -

IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

| Age Group (as at 31st Dec., 1950) | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| 16 - 19 Years | 36 | 46 | 700 | 732 | 6 | 38 | 742 | 816 | 1,558 |
| 20 - 24 " | 95 | 51 | 1,191 | 721 | 2 | 37 | 1,288 | 809 | 2,097 |
| 25 - 29 " | 114 | 23 | 1,095 | 440 | 9 | 59 | 1,218 | 522 | 1,740 |
| 30 - 34 " | 99 | 22 | 947 | 279 | 8 | 55 | 1,054 | 356 | 1,410 |
| 35 - 39 " | 90 | 23 | 973 | 254 | 12 | 83 | 1,075 | 360 | 1,435 |
| 40 - 44 " | 78 | 18 | 1,000 | 248 | 3 | 94 | 1,081 | 360 | 1,441 |
| 45 - 49 " | 81 | 13 | 1,080 | 308 | 8 | 144 | 1,169 | 465 | 1,634 |
| 50 - 54 " | 80 | 12 | 1,189 | 303 | 9 | 98 | 1,278 | 413 | 1,691 |
| 55 - 59 " | 93 | 14 | 1,258 | 198 | 10 | 86 | 1,361 | 298 | 1,659 |
| 60 years and over | 109 | 2 | 1,487 | 32 | 441 | 60 | 2,037 | 94 | 2,131 |
| TOTAL : | 875 | 224 | 10,920 | 3,515 | 508 | 754 | 12,303 | 4,493 | 16,796 |

5. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

(i) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit: The following table shows, for the years 1946-47 to 1949-50 and for the months September, 1949 to September, 1950, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit in each State.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - STATES.

| Period | Persons | | | | | | Australia | | |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | N.S.W.(a) | Vic. | Qld. | S.A.(b) | W.A. | Tas. | Males | Females | Persons |
| CLAIMS ADMITTED | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1946-47 | 12,704 | 16,187 | 35,922 | 1,380 | 11,981 | 404 | 73,379 | 5,199 | 78,578 |
| 1947-48 | 3,516 | 1,029 | 21,227 | 234 | 2,471 | 185 | 27,275 | 1,387 | 28,662 |
| 1948-49 | 2,257 | 288 | 8,455 | 124 | 884 | 118 | 11,459 | 667 | 12,126 |
| 1949-50 | 127,500 | 1,037 | 19,841 | 6,512 | 6,060 | 151 | 130,248 | 30,853 | 161,101 |
| 1949 -Sept. | 324 | 74 | 237 | 20 | 70 | 18 | 651 | 92 | 743 |
| Oct. | 167 | 55 | 298 | 19 | 79 | 12 | 525 | 105 | 630 |
| Nov. | 121 | 31 | 274 | 8 | 42 | 8 | 420 | 64 | 484 |
| Dec. | 172 | 36 | 420 | 12 | 42 | 4 | 611 | 75 | 686 |
| 1950 -Jan. | 200 | 121 | 1,156 | 59 | 76 | 11 | 1,556 | 67 | 1,623 |
| Feb. | 111 | 23 | 870 | 8 | 50 | 11 | 1,006 | 67 | 1,073 |
| March | 102 | 24 | 782 | 4 | 42 | 4 | 877 | 81 | 958 |
| April | 146 | 90 | 573 | 6 | 60 | 4 | 776 | 103 | 879 |
| May | 119 | 40 | 280 | 1 | 111 | 9 | 467 | 93 | 560 |
| June | 130 | 113 | 172 | 8 | 65 | 15 | 407 | 96 | 503 |
| July(c) | 1,118 | 95 | 350 | 2 | 124 | 15 | 1,448 | 256 | 1,704 |
| Aug.(c) | 318 | 29 | 307 | 3 | 77 | 11 | 658 | 87 | 745 |
| Sept.(c) | 294 | 15 | 94 | 5 | 47 | 15 | 379 | 91 | 470 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| DISCONTINUANCES | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1946-47 | 12,602 | 16,099 | 36,002 | 1,601 | 12,496 | 443 | 73,974 | 5,269 | 79,243 |
| 1947-48 | 4,577 | 1,630 | 23,285 | 319 | 3,020 | 201 | 31,538 | 1,494 | 33,032 |
| 1948-49 | 2,313 | 303 | 8,980 | 114 | 989 | 114 | 12,143 | 670 | 12,813 |
| 1949-50 | 127,448 | 937 | 19,921 | 6,510 | 6,059 | 151 | 130,284 | 30,742 | 161,026 |
| 1949 -Sept. | 3,405 | 123 | 575 | 313 | 113 | 18 | 3,918 | 629 | 4,547 |
| Oct. | 453 | 82 | 330 | 18 | 97 | 15 | 835 | 160 | 995 |
| Nov. | 157 | 44 | 247 | 8 | 53 | 14 | 448 | 75 | 523 |
| Dec. | 147 | 30 | 188 | 9 | 44 | 6 | 352 | 72 | 424 |
| 1950 -Jan. | 224 | 111 | 755 | 65 | 152 | 14 | 1,221 | 100 | 1,321 |
| Feb. | 137 | 12 | 654 | 9 | 46 | 6 | 809 | 55 | 864 |
| March | 168 | 31 | 574 | 11 | 68 | 8 | 799 | 61 | 860 |
| April | 156 | 51 | 820 | 7 | 49 | 5 | 992 | 96 | 1,088 |
| May | 137 | 59 | 867 | 3 | 101 | 6 | 1,076 | 97 | 1,173 |
| June | 82 | 87 | 337 | 3 | 48 | 9 | 494 | 72 | 566 |
| July(c) | 928 | 70 | 444 | 8 | 127 | 16 | 1,387 | 206 | 1,593 |
| Aug.(c) | 425 | 40 | 344 | 3 | 57 | 11 | 745 | 135 | 880 |
| Sept.(c) | 347 | 19 | 155 | 3 | 37 | 12 | 476 | 97 | 573 |

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|-------|-----|-------|
| 1947 -June | 1,400 | 667 | 3,231 | 105 | 761 | 44 | 5,981 | 227 | 6,208 |
| 1948 -June | 339 | 66 | 1,173 | 20 | 212 | 28 | 1,718 | 120 | 1,838 |
| 1949 -June | 283 | 51 | 648 | 30 | 107 | 32 | 1,034 | 117 | 1,151 |
| 1949 -Sept. | 728 | 125 | 515 | 40 | 199 | 37 | 1,379 | 265 | 1,644 |
| Oct. | 442 | 98 | 483 | 41 | 181 | 34 | 1,069 | 210 | 1,279 |
| Nov. | 406 | 85 | 510 | 41 | 170 | 28 | 1,041 | 199 | 1,240 |
| Dec. | 431 | 91 | 742 | 44 | 168 | 26 | 1,300 | 202 | 1,502 |
| 1950 -Jan. | 407 | 101 | 1,143 | 38 | 92 | 23 | 1,635 | 169 | 1,804 |
| Feb. | 381 | 112 | 1,359 | 37 | 96 | 28 | 1,832 | 181 | 2,013 |
| March | 315 | 105 | 1,567 | 30 | 70 | 24 | 1,910 | 201 | 2,111 |
| April | 305 | 144 | 1,320 | 29 | 81 | 23 | 1,694 | 208 | 1,902 |
| May | 287 | 125 | 733 | 27 | 91 | 26 | 1,085 | 204 | 1,289 |
| June | 335 | 151 | 568 | 32 | 108 | 32 | 998 | 228 | 1,226 |
| July(c) | 525 | 176 | 474 | 26 | 105 | 31 | 1,059 | 278 | 1,337 |
| Aug.(c) | 418 | 165 | 437 | 26 | 125 | 31 | 972 | 230 | 1,202 |
| Sept.(c) | 365 | 161 | 376 | 28 | 135 | 34 | 875 | 224 | 1,099 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Subject to revision.

6. (ii) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during September, 1950, and the three months ended September, 1950, and by those who were on benefit at 30th September, 1950.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

XI. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING SEPTEMBER, 1950, AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

| Cause of Unemployment | Admissions during | | | | On Benefit at | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| | September, 1950 | | Three months ended September, 1950 | | 30th Sept., 1950 | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Discharged or laid-off - | | | | | | |
| Disciplinary reasons .. | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Inefficiency, incl. medical unfitness | 12 | 8 | 46 | 25 | 32 | 15 |
| Retrenchment, reorganisation of staff | 34 | 29 | 247 | 102 | 110 | 41 |
| Power rationing .. | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 50 | 22 |
| Shortage of materials .. | 5 | 9 | 69 | 32 | 39 | 3 |
| Strikes and lockouts .. | - | - | 1 | - | 6 | - |
| Weather conditions, floods, etc. .. | 40 | 1 | 1,122 | 79 | 63 | 3 |
| Seasonal Work .. | 6 | - | 43 | 1 | 78 | - |
| Casual Work .. | 43 | 8 | 217 | 36 | 155 | 18 |
| Other, including inadequately defined | 32 | 17 | 101 | 41 | 66 | 25 |
| Quitted - | | | | | | |
| Medical unfitness, work too heavy .. | 54 | 25 | 190 | 66 | 146 | 60 |
| Other, including inadequately defined(a) | 229 | 14 | 376 | 37 | 101 | 28 |
| Not previously employed - | | | | | | |
| Employers, workers on own account .. | 4 | - | 55 | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work .. | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other .. | - | 2 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 4 |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 462 | 116 | 2,485 | 434 | 875 | 224 |

(a) Includes new Australians not previously employed in Australia.

(iii) Industrial Classification of -

(a) Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during September, 1950, and the three months ended September, 1950, and of those on benefit at 30th September, 1950.

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT: INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1950, AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

| Industry in which last engaged | Admissions during | | | | On Benefit at | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| | September, 1950 | | Three months ended September, 1950 | | 30th Sept., 1950 | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying | 37 | 1 | 344 | 1 | 108 | - |
| Other Primary Production .. | 4 | - | 43 | - | 9 | - |
| Coal Mining .. | 2 | - | 363 | 1 | 21 | - |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 5 | - | 14 | - | 14 | - |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | | | | |
| Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) .. | 12 | - | 106 | 2 | 73 | - |
| Vehicles, including Aircraft .. | 3 | - | 14 | - | 12 | - |
| Textiles and Articles of Dress .. | 5 | 20 | 31 | 111 | 24 | 29 |
| Food, Drink and Tobacco .. | 16 | 13 | 135 | 39 | 65 | 19 |
| Furniture, Woodwork, etc. .. | 24 | 1 | 207 | 15 | 34 | 2 |
| Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power .. | 16 | 4 | 73 | 8 | 41 | 5 |
| Building and Construction .. | 56 | 2 | 369 | 4 | 195 | 7 |
| Transport and Communication .. | 16 | 1 | 123 | 1 | 51 | 3 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 28 | 8 | 150 | 49 | 56 | 23 |
| Finance and Property .. | 4 | - | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Public Administration and Professional | 9 | 9 | 57 | 31 | 38 | 23 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 17 | 52 | 92 | 159 | 78 | 104 |
| Other (a) .. | 208 | 5 | 353 | 9 | 50 | 8 |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 462 | 116 | 2,485 | 434 | 875 | 224 |

(a) Includes new Australians not previously employed in Australia.

(b) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 30th September, 1950 in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table: -

XIII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950.
STATES

| Industry in which last engaged | N.S.W. (a) | Vic. | Q'ld. | S.A. (b) | W.A. | Tas. | Aust. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|-------|-------------|------|------|-------|
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying | 34 | 7 | 59 | - | 5 | 3 | 108 |
| Other Primary Production .. | 2 | 4 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 9 |
| Coal Mining .. | 20 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 21 |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 4 | - | 6 | - | 4 | - | 14 |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | | | | | |
| Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) | 44 | 5 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 73 |
| Vehicles, including Aircraft .. | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Textiles and Articles of Dress | 6 | 3 | 12 | - | 1 | 2 | 24 |
| Food, Drink and Tobacco .. | 7 | 5 | 44 | - | 6 | 3 | 65 |
| Furniture, Woodwork, etc. .. | 15 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 34 |
| Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power .. | 10 | 6 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 41 |
| Building and Construction .. | 46 | 55 | 54 | 6 | 32 | 2 | 195 |
| Transport and Communication .. | 16 | 10 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 51 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 16 | 2 | 24 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 56 |
| Finance and Property .. | 1 | - | 4 | - | 1 | - | 6 |
| Public Administration and Professional .. | 11 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 38 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 19 | 11 | 17 | 2 | 29 | - | 78 |
| Other .. | 36 | 9 | 3 | - | 2 | - | 50 |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 290 | 122 | 302 | 23 | 109 | 29 | 875 |

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the three months ended September, 1950, and the persons on benefit at 30th September, 1950 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table: -

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

| State | Claims admitted during the three months ended September, 1950 | | | | On Benefit at 30th September, 1950. | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------------------------------------|----|-------|-----|
| | Metropolitan | | Other | | Metropolitan | | Other | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| New South Wales (b) | 71 | 16 | 1,436 | 207 | 61 | 14 | 229 | 61 |
| Victoria | 10 | 4 | 93 | 32 | 20 | 8 | 102 | 31 |
| Queensland | 156 | 65 | 473 | 57 | 83 | 44 | 219 | 30 |
| South Australia (c) | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Western Australia | 106 | 20 | 98 | 24 | 60 | 13 | 49 | 13 |
| Tasmania | 17 | 3 | 18 | 3 | 18 | 1 | 11 | 4 |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 366 | 110 | 2,119 | 324 | 261 | 84 | 614 | 140 |

- (a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital Cities.
In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".
(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

6. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during September, 1950, and the three months ended September, 1950, and of those on benefit at 30th September, 1950.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING SEPTEMBER, 1950
AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

| Nature of Sickness | Admissions during | | | | On Benefit | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | September, 1950 | | Three months ended September, 1950 | | 30th September, 1950. | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Infective and Parasitic Diseases | 458 | 147 | 1,260 | 380 | 688 | 276 |
| Cancer .. | 24 | 7 | 72 | 21 | 82 | 22 |
| Other Tumours .. | 42 | 26 | 101 | 75 | 87 | 68 |
| Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases .. | 232 | 79 | 654 | 204 | 650 | 240 |
| Diseases of - | | | | | | |
| Blood and Blood-forming Organs | 22 | 28 | 52 | 50 | 44 | 39 |
| Nervous System and Sense Organs | 426 | 188 | 1,106 | 485 | 1,051 | 490 |
| Circulatory System .. | 447 | 69 | 1,196 | 214 | 1,276 | 219 |
| Respiratory System .. | 647 | 152 | 1,804 | 402 | 1,196 | 313 |
| Digestive System .. | 1,052 | 253 | 2,780 | 708 | 1,937 | 467 |
| Genito-Urinary System .. | 196 | 151 | 531 | 402 | 450 | 309 |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. .. | - | 165 | - | 419 | - | 449 |
| Skin and Cellular Tissues .. | 162 | 45 | 497 | 129 | 376 | 111 |
| Bones and Organs of Movement .. | 104 | 45 | 335 | 118 | 292 | 117 |
| Other Diseases (Including Ill-defined conditions) .. | 95 | 25 | 242 | 67 | 201 | 78 |
| Injuries and Acute Poisoning - | | | | | | |
| Fractures .. | 544 | 46 | 1,519 | 140 | 1,654 | 166 |
| Other Injuries, etc. .. | 432 | 56 | 1,164 | 142 | 824 | 126 |
| Surgical Amputations .. | 15 | 2 | 47 | 5 | 54 | 4 |
| Other (including not stated) .. | 21 | 9 | 63 | 24 | 58 | 21 |
| TOTAL : | 4,919 | 1,493 | 13,423 | 3,985 | 10,920 | 3,515 |

(ii) Industrial Classification of Persons on Benefit: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 30th September, 1950, is shown in the following table: -

XVI. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950
AUSTRALIA

| Industry in which last engaged | Males | Females | Persons |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying .. | 672 | 21 | 693 |
| Other Primary Production .. | 170 | - | 170 |
| Coal Mining .. | 245 | 1 | 246 |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 144 | 5 | 149 |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | |
| Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) .. | 1,685 | 159 | 1,844 |
| Vehicles, including Aircraft .. | 538 | 18 | 556 |
| Textiles and Articles of Dress .. | 449 | 650 | 1,099 |
| Food, Drink and Tobacco .. | 683 | 194 | 877 |
| Furniture, Woodwork, etc. .. | 448 | 30 | 478 |
| Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power .. | 1,120 | 253 | 1,373 |
| Building and Construction .. | 1,880 | 8 | 1,888 |
| Transport and Communication .. | 979 | 89 | 1,068 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 976 | 547 | 1,523 |
| Finance and Property .. | 63 | 51 | 114 |
| Public Administration and Professional .. | 359 | 599 | 958 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 489 | 879 | 1,368 |
| Other .. | 20 | 11 | 31 |
| TOTAL : | 10,920 | 3,515 | 14,435 |

(iii) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Sickness Benefit claims whose admission was notified during the three months ended September, 1950, and those current at 30th September, 1950, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table: -

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

| State | Claims admitted during the three months ended September, 1950 | | | | On Benefit at 30th September, 1950. | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Metropolitan | | Other | | Metropolitan | | Other | |
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females |
| New South Wales (b) | 3,432 | 1,387 | 1,896 | 360 | 2,541 | 991 | 1,521 | 321 |
| Victoria .. | 2,142 | 859 | 903 | 238 | 2,819 | 1,126 | 861 | 203 |
| Queensland .. | 974 | 272 | 940 | 173 | 675 | 226 | 608 | 138 |
| South Australia(c) | 1,150 | 288 | 217 | 33 | 613 | 218 | 177 | 31 |
| Western Australia | 808 | 234 | 354 | 41 | 515 | 150 | 243 | 43 |
| Tasmania .. | 350 | 55 | 257 | 45 | 115 | 39 | 232 | 29 |
| <u>TOTAL :</u> | 8,856 | 3,095 | 4,567 | 890 | 7,278 | 2,750 | 3,642 | 765 |

- (a) See footnote (a) to Table XIV.
- (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
- (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the three months ended September, 1950 and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below: -

XVIII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1950 : STATES.

| State | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | Percentage Re-jects to Total |
|---------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|------------------------------|
| | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | |
| N.S.W. (a) | 2,976 | 1,246 | 7,954 | 879 | 450 | 97 | 11,380 | 2,222 | 19.53 |
| Vic. | 202 | 63 | 4,726 | 584 | 342 | 72 | 5,270 | 719 | 13.64 |
| Q'ld. | 1,537 | 786 | 2,629 | 270 | 154 | 52 | 4,320 | 1,108 | 25.65 |
| S.A. (b) | 23 | 13 | 1,868 | 180 | 90 | 17 | 1,981 | 210 | 10.60 |
| W.A. | 313 | 65 | 1,685 | 248 | 49 | 13 | 2,047 | 326 | 15.93 |
| Tas. | 45 | 4 | 796 | 89 | 39 | 3 | 880 | 96 | 10.91 |
| <u>TOTAL:</u> | 5,096 | 2,177 | 19,658 | 2,250 | 1,124 | 254 | 25,878 | 4,681 | 18.09 |

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
- (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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